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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A Lake county horseman fell from his mount and sustained a broken nose, a broken right arm, a knee injury and facial abrasions. It could have been no worse had he been testing the solidity of a phone pole with a jalopy and emerged through the windshield.

Signor Mussolini is now reported head of the Italian "fascist republic" government and is issuing proclamations as if he had swallowed a jigger of phonograph needles. Use of the word "republican" will tickle New Dealers. Nevertheless, it is the best thing about the organization.

Sen. Rufus Holman, whose political future was recently assured by the threat of union labor to defeat him next May, returns to Washington and reports "the people of Oregon are tired of bureaucrats." In "the brave new world" after the war, now under construction, things will be different. The bureaucrats will be tired of the people.

MAN: LORD OF CREATION!

(Coronet)

"He is chicken-livered, lion-hearted, pigeon-toed, sly as a fox, busy as a bee, slippery as an eel, blind as a bat, faithful as a dog, gentle as a lamb, drunk as an owl, still as a mouse, stubborn as a mule, strong as an ox, vain as a peacock, happy as a lark, slow as a tortoise and crazy as a loon."

The National Cosmeticians have evolved the "combless hair-do" for busy women. All the lady has to do is shake her head once and her hair is combed. Once in a while a "crowning glory" shows up not even with that much attention visible.

"Dorothy (Dot) Specht of Alturas signs her name like this: (. . .) —Lakeview Examiner. Nifty signature."

Neither Generals MacArthur or Eisenhower of the Mediterranean, view with gusto the mention of their names as presidential possibilities. They want to stomp the enemy before they stomp the nation.

One of the rural Older Girls towned yes. She was disgusted with the squeaking of the "cornfield canaries" in her spouse's new fall shoes.

YE ED. PONDERSI!

"Beginning at once, your Register-Guard and whatever other publications you read will be smaller and 'tighter' than ever, because the newspaper ration has been cut another five per cent, but—there are some things that cause us to wonder. For instance a 20-page full size issue of a gov'tment paper called 'War Savings Staff News,' distributed free to us and presumably to every other publication in the country."

Due to the shortage of labor and locker space, hunters are advised to skin and quarter their deer in the woods. Otherwise, storage will be refused. Thus the mighty hunter will be unable to flaunt his prowess on the front fender in a tour of business district and residential areas.

The Medford high school football team has been chewed up for the first time this season at a noon luncheon by one of its "traditional foes."

"Poona" was the original name for the game of badminton.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

Cut Out War Politics!

We are in a war. Until we have won it and are out of it, war considerations should prevail.

Who should determine the needs of war? Certainly those who know most about it. And it is hardly necessary to add that politicians do not know most about it.

Army men, experts in the war—and navy—departments do.

WELL, there is a big debate on in Washington as to the drafting of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. The representatives of the army and navy are unanimously in favor of drafting these men. They declare to a man, that unless this action is taken the war effort will be seriously impaired.

Certain politicians, many of them like Senator Wheeler of Montana, former rabid isolationists, declare this is not true. They claim the drafting of these men is not essential and should not be done—it is crass militarism gone to seed to claim otherwise.

WHO should be believed? Who should be followed?

The army and navy representatives, of course. They know what the real situation is, what the real needs are.

The politicians don't. Some of them may be entirely sincere. But they haven't the knowledge and they haven't the facts. They can't have them.

SO a time limit should be set on this debate and the matter put to a vote at the earliest possible moment.

With the army and navy, with the U. S. war and naval departments agreed that these fathers must be drafted if the maximum war effort is to be made possible, the necessary action should be taken—and taken at once.

Any other course would mean playing politics with the war effort—a course as shameful as it would be disastrous.

Why Do War Films Fail?

Our special operative in Hollywood reports there is considerable consternation there because of the failure of the super-war films.

What is wrong? Millions are being put into colossal military sets, the best actors in the country are being enlisted—and at the highest salaries of course—but to date there has been scarcely one outstanding BOX-OFFICE success and there is general fear there won't be.

On the other hand, musicals and comedies, completely divorced from the war like "Star Spangled Rhythm" and "Heaven Can Wait" are playing to S.R.O. signs all over the country.

Can it be the American people really haven't their heart in this war?

SILLY question!

It is because the American people HAVE their hearts in this war, and pretty much in it all around the clock, that they don't care to also have war laded out to them in heaping shovel fulls, with ear splitting sound-track accompaniment, whenever they decide to take a few hours off for relaxation and relief.

If the war were NOT taken so seriously and were not such a grave concern to practically every American family, no doubt war films would be far more popular. And if the usual pattern is followed they will return to popularity when the war is over, a better perspective is obtained, and the national destructive impulse is replaced by a creative one.

BUT not now!

Look back, Mr. Hollywood. The great war films of the First World Conflict came after the armistice, not before. This was undoubtedly true, during all the preceding U. S. wars, as far as theatrical entertainment was concerned.

It is not the HEARTS of the American people who are at fault, but the BRAINS of those who are determining the policies of the Hollywood movie companies, during the present conflict.

Good Will-Secret Weapon

Good will is a tremendous factor in this war, perhaps in the last analysis the determining one.

Take the present situation in Europe for example. The Germans still have a fine army—a well equipped and fighting army. They are relatively weak at sea and in the air, but on land, wherever they make a determined stand they are hard to beat.

But Nazi Germany hasn't a REAL friend in Europe. Wherever she goes the civil population does everything possible to harass and thwart her.

This will be more and more evident in Italy as time goes on. Germany apparently has the northern half of Italy now pretty well under military control. If she had any good will whatever among the Italian people, it would indeed be a terrific job to dislodge her.

But she hasn't. On the contrary there is an ill will, an unyielding, implacable ill will which, while not implemented as yet, is working constantly underground against her.

This is equally true in the Balkans, occupied Russia, France, Norway, Denmark, wherever the Hitler scourge has gone. Had the Axis ever enjoyed the good will enjoyed by the allies the war undoubtedly would have ended at Dunkirk!

FINES EQUAL DEBT

Chester, Pa. (U.P.)—City motorists, who paid \$6,322 in \$5 and \$10 traffic fines in the first six months of 1943 will have

forked over by the end of the year a sum equal to the entire municipal debt of 1859 and exceeding the \$3,594.64 total tax levy for that year.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

THE RED CROSS DEATH TRAP

In a reply to an inquiry made by a layman concerning the technique of the Schafer manual prone pressure method of artificial respiration, the Director First Aid Water Safety and Accident Prevention Service of a chapter of the American Red Cross said:



Dr. Brady

"Our authority for the teaching of the prone pressure method of artificial respiration is Dr. Yandell Henderson and Dr. Drinker. Various tests have been made at our request by Dr. Henderson and Dr. Drinker regarding the claims of this columnist." The unnamed columnist is none other than O'Doc Brady. "and we have been advised that there is no reason to change our teachings from what we have been teaching for these many years."

I wonder what made the American Red Cross change the teaching of the jack-knife maneuver, which was advised and illustrated in various first aid manuals duly "approved" by the American Red Cross up to 1928? Could the annoying criticisms of the atrocity by the same columnist have had anything to do with it?

"Until our internationally recognized authorities advise us differently we shall continue to teach as we have in the past." Would the important people of the Red Cross be willing to reveal the identity of the authority or authorities who advised them differently concerning the jack-knife atrocity?

There is just one error in the technique of the manual prone-pressure method taught by Red Cross instructors, the position of the subject's arms. Schafer, who was surely as good an authority on his method as any the Red Cross can cite, did NOT advise placing one of the subject's hands, wrists or arms under the subject's head or chin. On the contrary the illustrations Schafer published with his description of his method showed

plates the national necessity and his personal duty in it.

The slogan is "Back the attack." This is to be the final attack, we must make sure. It is to be the big drive which will crush our enemies and the duty assigned to any man, who has a dollar or can save one, is clear. It may be his last chance to his duty, a profitable duty.

It is not often that a man is confronted with a proposition which is at the same time necessary, profitable and patriotic. Every citizen has this privilege in this current bond campaign. This is your country and you should be a stockholder in it, as big a stockholder as you can.

The Grange

Upper Applegate Grange met

Sept. 11 with 28 members in attendance. Eric Anderson took the obligations and was given the glad hand. Lecture hour was given over to a war bond talk by Master Bertha Haskins and a debate. Resolved that payment of subsidy be made on any farm product. Affirmative arguments were presented by Bert Harr, Edward Finley and Wallace Haskins, the negative by Edward Walker, Fred Dorn and Alexander Smith.

A dance is announced for September 25 with promise of good music.

Sunday school is being held at the hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Boston (U.P.)—Founded in 1857 as America's first boys' band, the Farm & Trades School band on Thompson's Island in Boston harbor now has a girl drummer for the first time. She is 16-year-old Joyce E. Meacham.

Chinese Service Men Enjoy Holiday



Chinese servicemen had a grand holiday at "Forbidden Acres," 54-acre ranch of Charlie Low, San Francisco night club owner. Charlie is introducing the boys to a pet deer. Entertainers from the night club, "Forbidden City," acted as hostesses for the day.

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

The Block Buster as Peace

Weapon?

To the editor: The Russian people were told some time ago by the head of a great church that the trouble affliction that is being visited upon them is a "just punishment" for their sins. Just punishment!

Since there is no reason to believe that the Russian peasant is any worse than he ever was, or more lacking in the Christian virtues than the rest of us, it must be assumed that his great sin consists in his giving up of his icon and mechanical prayers and discharging a church that had been part and parcel of the old, cruel Tsarist regime, a church that fostered illiteracy and tolerated in its priesthood the unspeakable Rasputin (and no telling how many more like him) and of which Tolstoy wrote: "The church stands for and has all ways stood for, coercion, intolerance, injustice and cruelty."

One wonders whether the Master would have condemned or approved of his doing this. If we can rise to no higher conception of God than a Being made in our own image we should at least endow Him with all the virtues of the best man who ever lived rather than the qualities of an all-powerful, tyrannical ruler who, as a punishment for not obeying his commands, wreaks a pitiless vengeance on all his subjects, sparing neither the good, the helpless, nor the innocent children. One has only to accept Christ's definition of God to know that He could have had no hand in bringing about this war, though the outcome will no doubt be eternal law of the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

No, the nations are not being punished for their sins but for their stupidity in failing to make a success of the international organization for preserving peace that came into being after the last war. It is a truism that the vast majority of people of all nations, with the possible exception of Japan, hate war; even the Germans only submitted to the substitution of guns for but because they were assured it meant peace, at least for them—that Germany, as a result would be so powerful that no nation dare oppose her. Then why do we have wars?

There would seem to be one certain way of preventing them. Let there be an international

police force, consisting of bombers and fighting planes, each nation contributing its quota, and let the penalty for invasion be the immediate destruction of the aggressor nation's chief cities. The block-buster will probably turn out to be the chief agent in bringing about permanent world peace. So more power to it!

W. TAVERNER,

Ashland, Ore.

Charles Pritchett Wins Promotion In Western Auto Rank

Charles J. Pritchett, manager of the Western Auto Supply Company store in this city, has been notified of his appointment as manager of the company's store at Sacramento, Cal., and will leave early next week to assume his new post. Pritchett has directed the local store for several years and his new advancement is in recognition of the excellent sales record of the company in this area.

Mrs. Pritchett and daughters, Dolores and Frances, will accompany Mr. Pritchett when he leaves for California and will establish their home at Sacramento. Arthur Douglas, associated with the Western Auto Supply Company in California cities and recently at Klamath Falls, will succeed Pritchett as manager of the Medford store.

Washington, Sept. 16 (U.P.)—The War department today announced awards of the Distinguished Flying cross and Air medal to more than 100 officers and enlisted men of the U. S. army 10th air force.

Those decorated included: Distinguished Flying cross and Air medal—Sgt. William F. Shelley, photographer-gunner, Yreka.

BIRTHS

HOGAN—To Mr. and Mrs. H. A., Central Point, Sept. 15, a girl, 5 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

ROYER—To Mr. and Mrs. R. J., Meyers Court, Sept. 16, boy, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

WILLIAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. Pat, Rt. 4, Sept. 13, boy, 8 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

COLLIS—To Mr. and Mrs. Robt., Jacksonville, Sept. 14, girl, 7 lbs., at Sacred Heart hospital.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

September 16, 1933

(It was Saturday)

David W. Lamson, Stanford

university executive is found

guilty of wife murder without

recommendation for mercy.

Sen Borah of Idaho advocates

inflation as means for better

times.

Hurricane rakes Virginia coast.

Cloudy with moderate tem-

perature. High 86, low 43 de-

grees.

Hunters barred from CCC

areas in forests.

County court rules no more

food or money will be given auto

transients.

Fair. Little change in temper-

ature. High 77, low 51 degrees.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

September 16, 1923

(It was Sunday)

Millia checks Klan defiance

of the law in Oklahoma.

Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania

is a Republican presidential pos-

sibility.

Six buildings at Salem pen-

itentiary gutted by fire.

Fair and warmer. High 88,

low 55 degrees.

Capt. Amundsen back from

north, to try flight to North

Pole when plane is repaired.

New run of steelhead starts

in Rogue River.

Miss Alice Poor and Clark

Rawlings are wed at Ashland.

GRIFFIN CREEK BUS

DEPENDS ON USERS

The Griffin Creek school bus will carry students to the Medford junior and senior high schools this year only if enough students ride to cover expenses, according to Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, district clerk. Students are asked to contact the bus driver, Norman Judy, either by telephone or at his home to notify him of their intentions of using the bus.

Beginning next Monday, the bus will pick up students at the Griffin hall by the Griffin Creek store and at the corner of Sunset and Thomas roads.

From where I sit . . .

by Joe Marsh



"Jeep Nerves"—that's what Dan O'Neill calls the jumpy way some folks react to the strain of wartime living.

Not that Dan blames 'em. When you work 12 hours a day and travel in crowded busses—live in trailers and put up with inconveniences—it's only natural to get tense and irritable. "Folks must learn to relax," says Dan, "and take it easy."

And Dan thinks he has the formula. Soon as he's through at the shop he comes straight

home, picks out the comfortable chair and pours himself a tall, cool glass of beer.

Then he sips it—slowly and appreciatively—like good beer should be enjoyed.

And by the time that glass of beer is gone, Dan says his disposition is as good as new . . . and the day's work seems well worth tackling again tomorrow.

It's a real effective formula. I know, I've tried it!

Joe Marsh

TOPS WITH WAR WORKERS



TOPS WITH HOME MAKERS

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